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"The big head" is most generally grown out of, but the "pigheaded" suspect is apt to grow incurable.

"I have directed my secretary," and, "I have the honor to inform you that the efforts of my committee"—so run phrases in the home rule health manifesto of Dr. Grace. And all the people of Hilo cry out, "Angels and ministers of Grace defend us!" Then they elect Mr. Loebenstein as His Grace's archangel to fight the Honolulu dragon.

"Excuse me," said the fresh young man to the pretty girl in a Beretania street car, "but haven't I seen you before?" "Perhaps you have," retorted her sweetness; "they say puppies can see when nine days old."

Are the Chinese here to be sympathized with so very much for losing the usual joys of their New Year? In the natural order of time they stand to have less of their new born year alloyed with the present unhappiness than we of ours, and withal they are not clubbing each other for differences as to when their chronology began. Whether the Chinese had a Bishopian or Papal year "0" or not they care not, because it was so long ago that their calendar must have made up the time centuries back.

If Manager Ballentyne of the Rapid Transit Co. keep his cars clean, when he gets them running on the dusty streets of Honolulu, it will be at the cost of so much agony that he will want to swap names with Manager Pain of the too much abused Hawaiian Tramways Co.

It's not the getting of mules ashore from the transports at Hilo which will make trouble. Their kicking will come at the time for putting them on board again, when the attempt is made to wrench them away from the most congenial associations they had ever struck.

If Justice now took the bandage off her eyes, she would swoon dead away. The quantity of litigious impediments awaiting her scales on the islands would throw her off her balance. Unless the congestion be relieved soon through modern methods, man and man will have to resort to the medieval trial by combat. It would be rather jolly to go to law that way nowadays, with smokeless powder arms of precision and lawyers to take the places of yourself and your opponent.

There's a clean slate in the Chinatown burnt districts, on which to figure out the sanitation problem. Let the task be engaged with an unfaltering hand. What may appear today as oppressive measures for owners and lessees of property will, in time not distant, put money in the pockets of themselves, their heirs and assigns. Cannot everybody see that all that is left of Chinatown—all, too, that is worth saving—owes its preservation to the extension of the boundaries after the fire of 1889?

Manager Pain should not have much trouble in making out a damage case for stoppage of the cars. Mostly all who have footed it several miles in and out of town, daily for a fortnight, will be eager to swear that their eyes must have deceived them if ever they thought they saw anything unclean or untidy about the cars.

Room ought to be observed in a corner of the quarantine warehouse, about to be built out the passage, for a Kickerville legation. It would, on occasion, save expensive expeditions both ways between Honolulu and Hilo.

If the recording angel took as much notice of some people as they did of Johnson, there would be work for several extra clerks at keeping the black books in the celestial scribe's office.

In Victoria's realm Chester Doyle would be invested with the title and insignia of a C. B., for the way he commanded the bath of a thousand Japanese.

ANOTHER CABLE BILL.

Washington, Jan. 18. — Representative Corliss of Michigan has introduced a bill for the construction and operation under the Government of the United States of a cable between this country, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippine Islands and other countries. The bill is substantially the same as that of last year, providing for a Government cable, except that section creating a cable commission is eliminated, and the President is empowered to determine the route, the maintenance, operation, etc., of the line being placed under the control of the Postmaster General, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. The bill appropriates \$500,000, and limits the cost of the cable to \$8,000,000. Authorization is given to arrange with Japan and China for cable landing points.

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